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For: FABRICATION OF)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES)

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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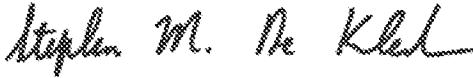
Applicants note that the above-referenced patent application is related to the following co-pending U.S. patent application:

1. U.S. patent application serial no.: 10/572,524 entitled "FABRICATION OF CONDUCTIVE METAL LAYER ON SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES", filed on March 20, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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